

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A fabric for a garment, comprising:

a first structure for a first zone of the garment that extends from ~~[[the]]~~ a first end intended for ~~[[the]]~~ toes of a wearer to ~~[[the]]~~ a level of ~~[[the]]~~ ankle bones of ~~[[a]]~~ the wearer, the first structure being a knitted floating mesh pattern in a textile material with an outer surface that is opposite that in contact with ~~[[the]]~~ skin of the wearer and that is smooth; and

a second structure for a second zone of the garment that extends from the aforementioned ankle bones to a distal second end ~~the other end~~ opposite the first end ~~that intended for the toes,~~ the second structure being a knitted woven mesh pattern, in an adapted elastic textile material with a weave titer of between 240 dtex and 600 dtex in such a way as to afford ~~light~~ compression or support in the second zone greater than in the first zone.

2. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the smooth textile material used for the first structure is a synthetic textile material with a flat synthetic filament, untextured and in combination with an elastothane.

3. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the smooth textile material used for the first structure is a polyamide in the form of a filament.

4. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the textile material used for the second structure comprises at most 50% by weight of a natural textile material.

5. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the textile material used for the first and/or second structure comprises a synthetic textile material with an improved physico-chemical property.

6. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, further comprising an alternative knitted heel with a flat synthetic filament.

7. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the compression or support applied to the wearer at the level of the first zone is less than 13 hPa.

8. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the compression or support applied to the wearer at the level of the second zone is between 13 and 30 hPa.

9. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of a stocking or an under-stockings.

10. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of tights or undertights.

11. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of leggings or an underlegging.

12. (previously presented) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the fabric is part of a sock or an undersock.

13. (currently amended) The fabric according to claim 1, wherein the floating mesh pattern includes four ~~rows~~ courses of mesh sequentially arranged with a first of the ~~rows~~ courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on all ~~columns~~ wales of the pattern, a second of the ~~rows~~ courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on even ~~columns~~ wales and whose loops are not formed at all on odd ~~columns~~ wales, a third of the ~~rows~~ courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on all ~~columns~~ wales of the pattern, and a fourth of the ~~rows~~ courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on odd ~~columns~~ wales and whose loops are not formed at all on even ~~columns~~ wales.

14. (new) A fabric for a garment, comprising:

a first structure for a first zone of the garment that extends from a first end intended for toes of a wearer to a level of ankle bones of the wearer, the first structure being a knitted floating mesh pattern in a textile material with an outer surface that is opposite that in contact with skin of the wearer and that is smooth, the floating mesh pattern providing a compression to the wearer in the first zone less than 13 hPa; and

a second structure for a second zone of the garment that extends from the ankle bones to a second distal end opposite the first end, the second structure being a knitted woven mesh pattern

in an adapted elastic textile material with a weave titer of between 240 dtex and 600 dtex, the knitted woven mesh pattern providing a compression in the second zone between 13 and 30 hPa.

15. (new) An undergarment comprising the fabric of claim 14.

16. (new) The fabric according to claim 14, wherein the floating mesh pattern includes four courses of mesh sequentially arranged with a first of the courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on all wales of the pattern, a second of the courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on even wales and whose loops are not formed at all on odd wales, a third of the courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on all wales of the pattern, and a fourth of the courses comprising meshes whose loops are completely formed on odd wales and whose loops are not formed at all on even wales.